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For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING SYSTEM,  
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND SOFTWARE

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Examiner: Frankie L. Stinson

**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 22, 2009, for which a response is due on October 22, 2009. Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (claims 1 – 7 in this application).

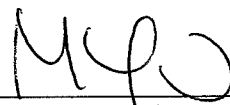
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing 199372005800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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